

## **IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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### **Governor Announces Appointments to Commissions and Boards**

**Topeka** – Kansas Governor Sam Brownback today announced recent appointments to boards and commissions.

"I appreciate the willingness of these individuals to give their time and talents to the state of Kansas," Governor Brownback said. "Their hard work will continue to make Kansas a great place to live."

The governor's office is always looking for qualified, interested Kansans to serve the state on commissions and boards in their areas of expertise. If you are interested in serving on a commission or board, please visit <http://governor.ks.gov/serving-kansans/office-of-appointments>.

#### **Kansas State Board of Agriculture**

The Kansas State Board of Agriculture is composed of nine members appointed by the governor. One member is appointed from each congressional district and the remaining members are appointed at large.

- Jay Garetson, Copeland, is being reappointed to a four year term. Mr. Garetson graduated from Kansas State University with a degree in Agriculture Economics. He is a fourth generation family farmer.

#### **Kansas Commission on Emergency Planning and Response**

The Kansas Commission on Emergency Planning and Response is a twenty-seven member board with representatives from various state and local government organizations and industry. The Commission makes decisions regarding the state preparations for different types of emergencies. By including more experts in the discussions, it will allow for a better planned response by the state. The Governor appoints eighteen members from various state and local agencies: counties, cities, agriculture, transportation, energy, law enforcement, fire fighters, county emergency managers, emergency medical services, business and industry, public works, hospitals, public health, tribes of Kansas, individuals with disabilities, and one representative for the seven regional homeland securities councils.

- Oscar Thomasson, Wichita, is being appointed to a four year term. Mr. Thomasson graduated from Wichita State University with a degree in Criminal Justice. He currently works for the Sedgwick County Sheriff's office.

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